

Commander DAVID HORN Medical Service Corps United States Navy



A native of St. Clairsville, Ohio, Commander Horn was commissioned as a Lieutenant (Junior Grade) in the U.S. Navy in 1986 after graduating from Texas A&M University with a Master of Science in Industrial Hygiene. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1982 from Oklahoma State University in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology. He reported to Naval Medical Clinic, Norfolk Naval Shipyard Branch, Norfolk, VA for his first tour of duty, where he provided industrial hygiene assistance to shipyard work centers and ships undergoing overhaul.

Commander Horn was selected in 1988 to become the first Industrial Hygiene/Safety Officer for USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39). While assigned to USS EMORY S. LAND, he completed a six month North Arabian Sea deployment. He then volunteered for a second shipboard tour in 1990 as Safety Officer aboard the USS SIMON LAKE (AS 33) forward deployed in Holy Loch, Scotland.

In 1992 he reported to Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet as the first Force Industrial Hygiene Officer assigned to manage the NAVOSH program both ashore and afloat. Commander Horn was then selected to serve as the first industrial hygiene officer at Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C and reported in 1995. He served as the Acting Director, Fleet Liaison Office and then later became the Director for Safety, Human System Integration, Reliability, Maintainability and Availability, and INSURV Liaison (SEA 03D4).

Commander Horn reported in 1999 as Director, Occupational Health and Preventive Medicine at U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan. He managed and provided oversight to a highly trained unit consisting of industrial hygiene officers, audiologists, preventive medicine technicians, environmental health officers, occupational health nurses, health promotion specialists and safety personnel through out mainland Japan and Chinhae, Korea.

From 2002 to 2005 Commander Horn served as the Deputy, Chief of Staff for NAVOSH and Environmental Protection for the Board of Inspection and Survey, in Norfolk, VA. His team performed detailed safety, medical, ventilation and environmental protection inspections on surface ships and submarines. Commander Horn was then selected to become the Commanding Officer of the Navy Occupational Safety and Health, and Environmental Training Center.